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### A SOLID SOUTH

**The Re-election of President Woodrow Wilson Can Be Attributed Wholly to the Handicap of the Southern States Where the Electoral Vote is Unfairly Counted.**

### WILL CONGRESS DO ANYTHING?

**What Is Meant By the Solid South? And What Must the Republican Party Do to Regain Control of the Government and to Purge the Country of the Deploable and Unfair Conditions that Prevail In "Dixie."**

### A WHOLE NATION AWAITS THE ANSWER

Since Mr. Hughes has conceded the election of Mr. Wilson it is time to discuss how it happened. Among many things, the solid South is one of the chief reasons why Mr. Wilson was re-elected. Few people realize what the solid South means.

First, it means that eleven states of the Union have decided that they will only support one political party under any and all conditions; that they will have uniform laws respecting the franchise and these laws will govern the South even though they nullify the federal Constitution.

Second, that they will not only deprive the colored race of participation in national or state election with impunity but they will demand the counting of the colored voters' vote when it comes to establishing the representation of these states in Congress and the electoral college.

Third, that they will depend upon violence, intimidation and the general cowardice of its great opponent (the North) to keep the representation they desire.

Fourth, that these states will be a unit in keeping alive certain prejudices and racial hatred so that a uniform sentiment will pervade all of them and they in turn will do what they can to convert the rest of the country to their way of thinking.

By the above mentioned policy every democratic presidential candidate goes into a presidential election campaign with these electoral votes unquestionably in his column, regardless of the issue. Any division of opinion in the rest of the states will easily make the Democrat the winner. This was Mr. Wilson's chief asset. The Republican party is responsible for this state of affairs. It had the government for fifty years and was in a position to see to it that no part of the country nullified the Constitution. Because this nullification bore hardest upon colored people nothing was done to correct this gigantic wrong. The South is a fixed asset in the Democratic party. It is opposed to anything the Republican party espouses even though it be the best for the nation. Remember this solid South was formerly the solid slave-holding states. Every one of them fought savagely to retain slavery. As savagely they are now fighting to maintain the political slavery of the colored man. Just as the rest of the country winked at slavery till its stench aroused the nation, so will the stench of political bondage arouse the nation and the

South will again lose in its unjust fight.

Can the Republican party come back? Has it lost its fundamental principle—justice and liberty to all? Has a righteous God rejected this party because it refused to stand up for the liberty of the lowliest and surrendered to an unfounded prejudice which has resulted in making America the most lawless and brutal country in the world, Russia not excepted? As a result of its departing from that which gave it power and victory in the sixties, the conquered has become the conqueror and now the South scrapes at nothing to rivet its advantage upon the whole country.

"The southern rebel is in the saddle" and the country is feeling his hand. Eternal justice recoils against the foul betrayal of the colored man by this nation. The Republican party was and is the receiver of his strength and influence. In the North the colored man gets for his allegiance broken promises. In the South, disfranchisement and the shot-gun. His beloved party gave him over to his enemy there, so that now he is almost beyond aid. As a result the Republican party is routed with discordant notes in almost every state and bitter jealousies are rankling in many bosoms. Defeat stares it at every turn. This party can come back if it again takes up the burden of the oppressed and fearlessly fights, for God will be on its side. The one thing necessary for the Republican party to win is its uncompromising stand for the re-enfranchisement of the colored voter in the South. This issue will win. The moment the colored race is re-enfranchised, that moment the great American crime will be atoned for and every portion of the country will be in position to hear the policies of all parties.

The South may hypocritically put away saloons and rum, but it will never put away barbarism until it learns to respect the rights of every man alike regardless of his race. To bring this about, the solid South must be broken up, politically. The fight for 1920 will be for the franchise for all men alike. Men will be asked to take their stand. This may be called social legislation. This is what we want. There must be a conscience in our politics. Woodrow Wilson received with happiness the murdered franchise of the colored voter in the electoral college, but he was too cowardly to insist upon the South giving

this representation to the colored voter so that at the polls his wishes might be registered.

The plain duty of every newspaper that believes in a square deal is, to fight for the restoration of the ballot to every American citizen. Had the Republican party followed Mr. Lodge in his attempts to apply the Constitution by cutting down the representation of the South in congress and he electoral college because of its unjust laws withholding the franchise from colored people and thousands of white Republicans, there would not be in the white house today a Woodrow Wilson. The Constitution is very explicit on this issue. But the Republican party gave away to Ben Tillman of South Carolina and Hoke Smith of Georgia, a million and a half citizens were left to the mercy of its implacable political foe—Southern democracy. It will be difficult for the party to come back without the aid of our people.

The colored race will be less than a race if it does not take this psychological moment to obtain its long-sought blessing. Who will join us in our crusade to awaken the American nation again so that our second freedom may be made sure? Let us do justice to the American nation as well as to our race. (REV.) WM. A. BYRD.

#### LYNCHERS ARE HELD FOR MURDER.

Abbeville, S. C., Dec. 5.—Charged with murder in connection with the lynching of Anthony Crawford, a Negro, eight white men were held for trial in the circuit court here today, after a preliminary hearing before Magistrate Hammond. Those held were: J. V. Elkin, Samuel Adams, Jess Cann, William Cann, Samuel Cann, Eugene Nance, B. Grant and R. B. Ferguson.

Sing Finlay, George White, Jr., M. R. Casey, Jim Dawson, John T. Cheatham, Lester Cann and J. S. Banks, on whom warrants were served yesterday, were released.

The arrests followed an investigation ordered by Governor Manning in to the lynching in Abbeville several weeks ago. Crawford, who was charged with assault and battery on a white man, was first severely beaten, and then was taken from jail, where he had been placed for safekeeping, and put to death.

Sheriff Burts and his jailors testified at the preliminary hearing today.

#### NEGRO FOLK MUSIC.

Its Use and Its Abuse.

(Joe E. Hayfrord.)

A recent editorial in the columns of The Sun touching upon this subject leads us to further consideration of what is commonly called Negro Folk Music. Just as the Negro himself has been made a commercial item in the American social budget, so has his music been used and in the same manner vilified. The peculiar traditions of a people are usually held as a sacred heritage of their own and should serve as one of the means of racial unity. To exploit these traditions for mere attention is bad enough in itself, but to rob them of their original forms and to shape them into unrecognizable travesties is little less than criminal. Everyone knows that the modern so-called jubilee songs with their ragtime measures and burlesque phrases are no more like the originals than is night like unto day. The old religious fervor expressed in feeling cadences of sorrow and hope have been woven out of form into sacreligious and undignified jingles written merely to please "white folks," who apparently cannot think of a Negro without associating him with a monkey.

Otherwise sedate church choirs are usually prepared to hurl themselves into paroxysms of "coon-lore" jubilee songs upon the appearance of a white face at the door. Negro schools, also, are expected to have a supply of the same stuff constantly on tap to be used for the softening influence of bringing back the dreams of "Dear grave long ago with her back all scarred up from the slaver's lash. The average jubilee road show is a farce, pure and simple. Every honest musician will admit this, it is really honest, and every layman knows it as well.

To be sure the music lore of the race should be preserved and kept fresh in the minds of both the old and young of our race, but it ought to be preserved for its natural purpose of race unity and race love rather than for any artificial purpose of race catering or race degradation.

#### Death of Mrs. Gray

Aunt of Prominent Local Teacher Passes Away in Chicago Wednesday Night.

News reached this city Wednesday of the death of Mrs. Martha Gray, 4743 Evans avenue, Chicago, Ill. Mrs. Gray will be remembered by her myriad of friends in this city, being one of the pioneer residents of the city of Chicago. She was prominent in both fraternal and religious circles, had been a tireless worker in the hair culture business for the past thirty years in that city, retiring about three years ago, since which time she has lived very quietly at the above number. She is survived by one niece, Mrs. Sallie C. Rogers, one of the best teachers and most accomplished as well as popular ladies of this city, who was called to her bedside last Monday night. The funeral services will take place this morning at 11 o'clock and interment will be made in Washington Cemetery in the city of Chicago. Mrs. Rogers was with her at the time of her death and possibly will be detained for the next ten days or two weeks arranging the settlement of Mrs. Gray's estate.

The Sun as well as the many friends of the family extend their sincere sympathy in this hour of sorrow.

#### CAPTAIN TANDY'S BIRTHDAY.

Splendid preparations are being made to celebrate Captain C. H. Tandy's 80th birthday, which will take place December 26, 1916, at his home in St. Louis. Captain Tandy has given a lifetime of useful service to his race, and his birthday celebration will be a matter of unusual interest to his people.



Allen Chapel, 10th and Charlotte, will hold their first quarterly meeting Sunday, December 17. Rev. A. A. Gilbert will preside. At 3 p. m. Rev. P. F. Moten, the district evangelist, will preach the communion service. Dr. Thomas bids all welcome. Come.

#### MOB DEFENDERS.

(By Benj. V. Longdon.)

He who speaks into the recorder of a graphophone and then listens to the reproduction of his record discovers that while his voice sounds familiar enough to his friends it sounds quite strangely to himself. And many of us know still less about our actual characters than about our real voices. Does any one, for instance, ever candidly admit that he is given to envy or prejudice? Do we ever acknowledge that the success, the prosperity, the superiority of another, excites within us a feeling of uneasiness and discomfort, accompanied by a desire if not an actual effort, to mortify and disparage the person in question? Are we not all willing to subscribe to the verdict in which the world's best men have always concurred: that envy thrives only in a low, mean, ungenerous nature; and that it is, without exception, the most unprofitable of all sins? Real justice to all men is so rare and man's inhumanity to man, so common that not a few men and women go through life

with scarcely a suspicion and rarely an avowal that they are at all so mean and small as their words and actions frequently proclaim them. They leisurely read a pen picture in which they themselves are portrayed to the very life; but they see nothing familiar in its most prominent features and would indignantly deny that the characters so truthfully depicted bears any resemblance to their own. Such people are genuine mob defenders. Like the slimy serpent they shed the old skin and put on a new sheath. But it is the same old garment of calumny and hatred. And so far from being "the people" the mob defenders are enemies of the people as selling the strongest line of defense about society. So surely as they win others just as surely will lawlessness and anarchy increase in this Christian nation and well may the Villistas laugh at our pretensions.

"The Heart Of The Belts," a sacred cantata will be rendered at Ebenezer Thursday, December 28, by the Sabbath school children.

#### Christmas Goods

It will pay you to visit Smith's Drug Store and look over the variety of Christmas goods. 18th and Tracy.



REV. F. F. MOTEN.

#### REVIVAL MEETING AT BETHEL.

We will begin our revival meeting at Bethel A. M. E. Church, 24th and Flora, on Monday evening, December 18. Dr. F. F. Moten, better known as the "Texas Tornado," will conduct the services. Do not fail to hear him. He is one of those convincing and forceful gospel preachers. We are praying that a great revival will be the result of his labors at Bethel. The meeting will continue through the Christmas holidays. Let us greet the new year, after having brought many souls to Christ. Our Zion will be open for a saving station during Christmas week. The meeting will close on the 31st with a great watch meeting.

Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish;  
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel;  
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.

REV. F. D. WELLS, Pastor.

#### THE NEGRO PROGRESSIVE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION.

##### New Organization Progresses.

In these times when the lassitude and worn out conditions of old line organizations border on the defunct, we can hail with pleasure the presence of the stimulating "Negro Progressive Business Association," an organization now three weeks old and threatens to become a real active institution in behalf of the Negro commercially and otherwise in greater Kansas City. The purpose of the association is well formed, is in action and the public will soon see good results obtained by this organization of chiefly young colored business men. The old Crony who has been the pest and obnoxious burden of many a well intentioned effort in this town will be strenuously and successfully excluded in this move. The efforts of the N. P. B. A. will be directed toward systematic advertising, general urgency for patronage, schooling in thorough business methods, becoming better buyers, keeping place, salesmanship, service, and a score of other things which the organization claims it will enlarge upon, both for the benefit of the business men and the public. They expect to correct many of the evils now rampant in business circles and through organized effort hope to forcefully invite a larger percentage of trade. No fees are required as yet to enter or for any maintenance. The meetings have been held so far at Watkins Bros. Meeting Hall, the League Enterprise and the Hole In The Wall. These places chosen both for their accommodations and close proximity to the business district. The meetings are noon day affairs. Mr. Gilmore, of Watkins Bros. firm; Mr. Jefferson, of the Hole in the Wall restaurant; Mr. Loden, of a Tailoring company; Mr. Page, of the Page Shoe

company, are chief officers. The Sun welcomes this organization and offers its cooperation on a substantial basis. The attitude of this paper has been reasonable toward every good organized move in this city. But many vainly imagine that a newspaper is run on some charitable impulse instead of the sound basis other businesses are run.

#### THE LIFE.

(By Chas. A. Starks.)

Sweet is the life,  
Serenely is the life,  
Serenely like above,  
Pure is the life,  
Noble is the life,  
Noble and full of love.

Fair is the life,  
Gentle is the life,  
That gently, kindly gives,  
Good is the life,  
Peaceful is the life,  
That loves sweet peace and lives.

#### MUSIC.

Music! Soother of passion thy rich strain,  
Divine harmony great with stirring soul,  
Over my joyous heart thy blessings rain,  
Let me bow to thee and thy name extol.

As you dictate I'll either sing or weep,  
So encompassing are your dear charms,  
But I would be content in tuneful sleep  
To rest fore'er in your reposeful arms.

Stop that bad cold, Smith's Vim and Vigor Cold Tablets will do it. Price 25 cents. 18th and Tracy.

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## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16th

for the Colored Poor

### BANKER'S DAY

at Lincoln High School will be deferred to Sunday, December 24, on account of the unavoidable absence of J. W. Perry, who was to have been the speaker of the day.

J. R. E. LEE, Principal.